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SUBJECT: TRADE ASSISTANCE: BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON GENERAL  
MONITORS CORP. AND ITS PRESIDENT - FRANK A. LINVILLE.

REF.: PARIS 133

1. COMMERCE CONTACTED INTERIOR'S MINE ENFORCEMENT SAFETY  
ADMINISTRATION (MESA) RE QUESTIONS C ANND D REFTEL. INFOR-  
MATION PROVIDED BY MR. HAROLD SILVER, OFFICE OF COAL MINE  
HEALTH & SAFETY, APPROVAL AND TESTING IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. MESA HAS CERTIFIED GENERAL MONITORS MODEL 420 METHANE  
MONITOR FOR USE IN U.S. COAL MINES.THE CERTIFICATION  
NO. IS 32A-6MS. A PLATE BEARING THIS CERTIFICATION  
NUMBER WILL APPEAR ON THE INSTRUMENT. THIS MACHINE IS  
DESIGNED TO SNIFF OUT METHANE GAS AND SOUND A WARNING AT  
A LEVEL OF 1-1-1/2 VOLUME PER CENT, AND TO SHUT DOWN THE  
CONTINUOUS MINER OR OTHER MINING MACHINE TO WHICH IT IS  
ATTACHED UPON DETECTION OF A LEVEL OF METHANE AT OR ABOVE  
2 VOLUME PER CENT. MESA HAS APPROVED MINING EQUIPMENT

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WHICH INCORPORATES THE CERTIFIED METHANE MONITOR

INSTRUMENTATION. MESA HAS ALSO CERTIFIED METHANE MONITORS FOR THREE OTHER U.S. MANUFACTURERS.

3. FURTHER CONTACT WITH NESA MAY BE MADE THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

MR. JOSEPH SEAMAN OR  
MR. HAROLD SILVER  
MINE ENFORCEMENT SAFETY ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE OF COAL MINE HEALTH AND SAFETY  
APPROVAL AND TESTING  
4800 FORBES AVENUE  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15213  
TEL.: (412) 621-4500

4. COMMERCE CONTACTED GENERAL MONITORS AND RECEIVED TELEXED ANSWERS AS REPEATED BELOW. IN ABSENCE OF DR. LINVILLE, WHO IS ALREADY IN IRELAND, INFO WAS PROVIDED BY R.W. WOLFE, EUROPEAN SALES MANAGER, GENERAL MONITORS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

5. TEST OF FIRST 2 PARAGRAPHS OF TELEX AND 1ST SENTENCE OF 3RD PARAGRAPH FOLLOW. OTHER ITEMS BOILERPLATE.

6. "FRANK A. LINCILLE, PRESIDENT OF GENERAL MONITORS INC., 3019 ENTERPRISE STREET, COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA 92626-HOLDS PHD IN CHEMISTRY FROM UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA. HE IS REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER IN CALIFORNIA (IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING) AND IN NEVADA, IS A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY - A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE INSTRUMENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA, A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, AND THE HOLDER OF AT LEAST ONE U.S. PATENT.

HE IS ONE OF TWO PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS IN GENERAL MONITORS, INC."

7. "GENERAL MONITORS HAS SUPPLIED GAS DETECTION EQUIP-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENT TO THE U.S. COAL MINING INDUSTRY SINCE 1968 AND DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS ANNUAL SALES TO THIS SECTOR HAVE AVERAGED OVER \$1 MILLION/YEAR AND ARE STILL INCREASING".

8. " WE(GENERAL MONITORS) AGREE THAT A TECHNICAL APPROACH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE." REMAINDER OF LANGUAGE REFERS FURTHER TO COMPANY INTEREST SALES AND "SAVING

HUMAN LIVES."

9. COMMERCE PREPARED TO RENDER FURTHER ASSISTANCE AS  
REQUESTED. KISSINGER

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